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SUBJ: UN SECURITY COUNCIL MEETING: ROA AND TORRIJOS

SPEECHES.

1) BEGIN SUMMARY. DURING MEETING BETWEEN CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT AND PRESIDENT LAKAS MARCH 16 I TOOK OCCASION TO POINT OUT THAT ROA'S SPEECH WOULD HURT PANAMA IN U S AND THAT TORRIJOS' SPEECH WOULD ALSO HAVE ADVERSE EFFECT. END SUMMARY.

2) DURING MEETING BETWEEN PRESIDENT LAKAS AND CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT WHICH LASTED HOUR AND HALF UNSC SESSION CAME UP. (MEETING WAS FOR PURPOSE GIVING LAKAS CHANCE TO EXPLAIN PANAMANIAN VIEWPOINT ON CANAL TREATY TO CONGRESSMAN). I TOOK OPPORTUNITY TO STATE THAT ROA'S VITRIOLIC SPEECH WOULD HURT PANAMA BECAUSE PANAMA HAD ARRANGED UN MEETING AND INVITED ROA. I REMINDED LAKAS THAT I HAD WARNED HIM PANAMA COULD NOT CONTROL CUBANS OR OTHERS. I ALSO NOTED PERUVIAN SPEECH. I SAID AMERICAN PEOPLE WERE USED TO SUCH DIATRIBES IN NEW YORK BUT THEY WOULD BLAME PANAMA FOR ANTI- AMERICAN SPEECHES IN PANAMA.

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3) I ALSO SAID TORRIJOS' SPEECH WOULD CAUSE SERIOUS PROBLEMS. WITH NODDING APPROVAL OF CONGRESSMAN LEGGETT I SAID THAT WE WOULD NOW HAVE TO JUSTIFY FURTHER LOANS TO PANAMA BECAUSE TORRIJOS HAD ASSERTED ECONOMIC COOPERATION WAS USED TO SUBJUGATE PANAMA. LAKAS RESPONDED HE DID NOT KNOW TORRIJOS HAD SAID THAT AND IT WAS NOT IN SPEECH WHEN LAKAS READ IT. I REPLIED THAT I DID NOT KNOW WHAT WAS IN SPEECH WHEN LAKAS READ IT; ALL THAT I KNEW WAS WHAT WAS IN IT WHEN TORRIJOS READ IT.

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